

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a semiconductor non-volatile memory cell, comprising:

forming a first insulating layer over a substrate region;

forming a first doped polysilicon layer over the first insulating layer;

forming a first undoped polysilicon layer over and in contact with the first doped polysilicon layer, the first doped and first undoped polysilicon layers forming a floating gate;

forming a second insulating layer over and in contact with the first undoped polysilicon layer;

forming a second undoped polysilicon layer over and in contact with the second insulating layer; and

forming a second doped polysilicon layer over and in contact with the second undoped polysilicon layer, the second doped and undoped polysilicon layers forming a control gate.

2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

before said first doped polysilicon forming act, forming a third undoped polysilicon layer over and in contact with the first insulating layer wherein the first doped polysilicon layer overlies and is in contact with the third undoped polysilicon layer, the third undoped polysilicon layer forming part of the floating gate.

3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the first insulating layer is a tunnel oxide layer and the second insulating layer is one of composite oxide-nitride-oxide dielectric layer and composite oxide-nitride-oxide-nitride dielectric layer .

4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein a thickness of each doped polysilicon layer is greater than a thickness of a corresponding undoped polysilicon layer by a factor in the range of two to four.

5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
forming insulating spacers along sidewalls of the stack made up of the first insulating layer, the floating gate, the second insulating layer, and the control gate; and
forming source and drain regions in the substrate.

6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein each of said first and second doped polysilicon layers forming acts comprises depositing an in-situ doped polysilicon layer.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the memory cell is any one of a stacked-gate non-volatile cell and a split gate non-volatile cell.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein each of the first and second doped polysilicon layers has a doping concentration and a thickness greater than a thickness of the corresponding first and second undoped polysilicon layers so as to prevent polysilicon depletion in each of the floating gate and the control gate.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the non-volatile memory cell is any one of ROM, flash EPROM, and EEPROM.

10. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a semiconductor transistor, comprising:
forming an insulating layer over a substrate region;
forming an undoped polysilicon layer over and in contact with the insulating layer; and
forming a doped polysilicon layer over and in contact with the undoped polysilicon layer, the doped and undoped polysilicon layers forming a gate of the transistor.

11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the insulating layer is a gate oxide layer.

12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein a thickness of the doped polysilicon layer is greater than a thickness of the undoped polysilicon layer by a factor in the range of two to four.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
forming insulating spacers along sidewalls of the gate; and
forming source and drain regions in the substrate.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein said doped polysilicon layer forming act comprises depositing an in-situ doped polysilicon layer.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the transistor is any one of a NMOS transistor, PMOS transistor, enhancement transistor, and depletion transistor.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the doped polysilicon layer has a doping concentration and a thickness greater than a thickness of the undoped polysilicon layer so as to prevent polysilicon depletion in the gate.

17. (Currently amended) A semiconductor non-volatile memory cell comprising:

a first insulating layer over a substrate region;

a floating gate comprising a first doped polysilicon layer over the first insulating layer; and a first undoped second polysilicon layer over and in contact with the first doped polysilicon layer, the first polysilicon layer having a predetermined doping concentration and the second polysilicon layer having a doping concentration which decreases in a direction away from an interface between the first and second polysilicon layers; the first doped and first undoped polysilicon layers forming a floating gate;

a second insulating layer over and in contact with the first ~~undoped~~ polysilicon layer; and

a control gate comprising a second-undoped ~~third~~ polysilicon layer over and in contact with the second insulating layer; and a ~~second-doped~~ fourth polysilicon layer over and in contact with the ~~second-undoped~~ third polysilicon layer, the fourth polysilicon layer having a predetermined doping concentration and the third polysilicon layer having a doping concentration which decreases in a direction away from an interface between the third and fourth polysilicon layers. ~~the second-doped and undoped polysilicon layers forming a control gate.~~

18. (Currently amended) The memory cell of claim 17 wherein the floating gate further comprises ~~comprising a third-undoped a~~ fifth polysilicon layer over and in contact with the first insulating layer wherein the first ~~doped~~ polysilicon layer overlies and is in contact with the ~~third-undoped~~ fifth polysilicon layer, the ~~third-undoped~~ fifth polysilicon layer having a doping concentration which decreases in a direction away from an interface between the first and fifth polysilicon layers. ~~forming part of the floating gate.~~

19. (Original) The memory cell of claim 17 wherein the first insulating layer is a tunnel oxide layer and the second insulating layer is one of a composite oxide-nitride-oxide dielectric layer and a composite oxide-nitride-oxide-nitride dielectric layer.

20. (Currently amended) The memory cell of claim 17 wherein a thickness of ~~each-doped~~ the first polysilicon layer is greater than a thickness of each of the second and fifth polysilicon layers ~~a corresponding undoped polysilicon layer~~ by a factor in the range of two to four, and a thickness of the fourth polysilicon layer is greater than a thickness of the third polysilicon layer by a factor in the range of two to four.

21. (Original) The memory cell of claim 17 further comprising:
insulating spacers along sidewalls of the stack made up of the first insulating layer, the floating gate, the second insulating layer, and the control gate; and
source and drain regions in the substrate.

22. (Currently amended) The memory cell of claim 17 wherein each of ~~said~~ the first and second doped fourth polysilicon layers are in-situ doped with impurities.

23. (Original) The memory cell of claim 17 wherein the memory cell is any one of a stacked-gate cell and split gate cell.

131 24. (Currently amended) The memory cell of claim 17 wherein:
~~each of the first and second doped~~ polysilicon layers has a doping concentration and a thickness greater than a thickness of each of the corresponding first and second and fifth undoped polysilicon layers so as to prevent polysilicon depletion in ~~each of the floating gate, and the control gate.~~

the fourth polysilicon layer has a doping concentration and a thickness greater than a thickness of the third polysilicon layer so as to prevent polysilicon depletion in the control gate.

25. (Original) The memory cell of claim 17 wherein the non-volatile memory cell is any one of ROM, flash EPROM, and EEPROM.

26-35. (Canceled)
